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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Ernst Heinz et al.
Application No. : 10/053,266 Confirmation No. : 1286
Filing Date : January 17, 2002
For : NOVEL METHOD FOR THE GENERATION AND
SELECTION OF TRANSGENIC LINSEED/FLAX
PLANTS
Group Art Unit : 1638
Examiner : Georgia L. Helmer

New York, New York
September 27, 2004

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the May 26, 2004 Office Action issued in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for responding to that Action for two months from July 26, 2004* to September 27, 2004 (September 26, 2004 being a Sunday), and have paid the requisite fee. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)(2) and 1.136(a). Thus, this Response is timely filed.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

* The non-extended deadline to file substitute drawings was July 26, 2004.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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